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## THE SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION: **SALAAT**

وَاَقِيْمُوا الصَّلٰوةَ وَاٰتُوا الزَّكٰوةَ وَارْكَعُوْا مَعَ الرّٰكِعِيْنَ

And observe Prayer and pay the Zakat,
and bow down with those who bow.

(2:44)

# Holy Qur'an

اُتْلُ مَآ اُوْحِیَ اِلَیْکَ مِنَ
الْکِتٰبِ وَاَقِمِ الصَّلٰوۃَ ؕ اِنَّ
الصَّلٰوۃَ تَنْہٰی عَنِ الْفَحْشَآءِ
وَالْمُنْکَرِ ؕ وَلَذِکْرُ اللّٰہِ اَکْبَرُ ؕ
وَاللّٰہُ یَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ

(29:46)

Recite that which has been revealed to thee of the Book, and observe Prayer. Surely, Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil, and remembrance of Allah indeed is the greatest virtue. And Allah knows what you do.

(29:46)

# Hadith

قَالَ سَأَلْتُ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم أَىُّ الْعَمَلِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ " الصَّلاَةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا ". قَالَ ثُمَّ أَىٌّ قَالَ " ثُمَّ بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ ". قَالَ ثُمَّ أَىٌّ قَالَ " الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ". قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي بِهِنَّ وَلَوِ اسْتَزَدْتُهُ لَزَادَنِي.

I asked the Prophet (ﷺ) "Which deed is the dearest to Allah?" He replied, "To offer the prayers at their earliest stated times." I asked, "What is the next (in goodness)?" He replied, "To be good and dutiful to your parents." I again asked, "What is next (in goodness)?" He replied, 'To participate in Jihad (religious fighting) in Allah's cause." `Abdullah added, "I asked only that much and if I had asked more, the Prophet (ﷺ) would have told me more."

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WORDS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

# TRUE PRAYER

At this point, when a person's soul is humbled to the state of complete self effacement, it begins to flow towards God in the form of a running spring and it becomes completely detached from all other relations beside Allah. At that time, the love of God Almighty descends upon such a person. At the time of this union, a unique condition is born through two surges of fervour: the fervour of providence surges forth from above and the fervour of man's servitude surges forth from below.

This phenomenon is known as salat or Prayer. It is this very Prayer which incinerates evil, and leaves behind a divine light and brilliance in its stead, so that this may serve as a shining lamp for the seeker on their path in the face of dangers and perils; and so that it may show a seeker all the rubbish, debris, thorns and stones that may obstruct their way, thus safeguarding them. It is in this state that the verse:

إِنَّ الصَّلٰوةَ تَنْهٰى عَنِ الْفَحْشَآءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

(Surely, Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil)

(29:46)

becomes applicable, because not in their hand, rather, in the niche of their heart is a shining lamp. This rank is attained through utmost humility, through complete self-effacement, through lowliness and absolute obedience. How then can such an individual even think of sin? Such a one can never disbelieve, nor turn their gaze towards indecency. Therefore, such an individual experiences such pleasure and such satisfaction that I am at a loss for words to explain it fully.

(Malfuzat Vol 1, pp. 162-163)

# MESSAGE FROM **SADR MAJLIS**

My Dear Khuddam Brothers,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

I am pleased to be reaching out to you through this edition of An-Nida on a particularly important subject. Though this month's edition is focused on Salat – a right we owe to God – my message is focused on the theme for this year, Huqooq al-Ibad, or the rights owed to mankind.

# MESSAGE FROM **SADR MAJLIS**

Just as we are commanded in the Holy Qur'an to pray, we are also instructed to fulfill the rights of, and serve, mankind. In fact, the Holy Prophet (sa) was emphatically told by Allah the Almighty that He would be more lenient in forgiving those who failed to fulfil His rights, but would hold those accountable who would fail to fulfil the rights of mankind.

Thus, it is a primary responsibility for us as Ahmadi Muslim youth to strive and fulfill the rights of one another, not just of our Community members, but also of those around us. Firstly, however, it is imperative that we understand why we should be inclined toward fulfilling the rights of mankind. Allah the Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ اَنْ تُوَلُّوْا وُجُوْهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلٰكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ اٰمَنَ
بِاللّٰهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْاٰخِرِ وَالْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ وَالْكِتٰبِ وَالنَّبِيّٖنَ ۚ وَاٰتَى الْمَالَ عَلٰى حُبِّهٖ ذَوِى
الْقُرْبٰى وَالْيَتٰمٰى وَالْمَسٰكِيْنَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيْلِ ۙ وَالسَّآئِلِيْنَ وَفِى الرِّقَابِ

"It is not righteousness that you turn your faces to the East or the West, but truly righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Book and the Prophets, and spends his money for love of Him, on the kindred and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and those who ask for charity, and for ransoming the captives." (2:178)

I want to emphasise on the part of the verse where Allah the Almighty states that we serve humanity – we sacrifice our wealth and time in service to humanity – out of love for Allah. If we do not truly love Allah, then we will not be able to serve His creation. Love for Allah can motivate us to go to any length in order to fulfill His commandments.

This, then, begs the question: how do we fulfill the rights of mankind?

The Holy Qur'an is full of instructions for believers on how they can fulfill these rights. In great detail, Allah the Almighty has outlined the rights of all factions of society, be they family, friends, the general public, or even the weaker and deprived factions of society such as orphans, the needy, and those traveling. This is just the tip of the iceberg. At this moment, I want to highlight some of the rights we owe to the various factions of people in our lives. We should try our best to always be mindful of these.

# PARENTS

The people most deserving of our love, kindness and service are our parents. Allah the Almighty instructs us to treat our parents with kindness in many instances in the Holy Qur'an. For example, Allah the Almighty states:

وَقَضٰى رَبُّكَ اَلَّا تَعْبُدُوْٓا اِلَّآ اِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ اِحْسَانًا ۭ اِمَّا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ اَحَدُهُمَآ اَوْ كِلٰهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَّهُمَآ اُفٍّ وَّلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَّهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيْمًا ﴿۲۴﴾

"Thy Lord has commanded, 'Worship none but Him, and show kindness to parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age with thee, never say unto them any word expressive of disgust nor reproach them, but address them with excellent speech.'" (17:24)

Under the commentary of this verse, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states:

"After commanding us to firmly believe in the Oneness of God, Allah has commanded us to treat our parents with kindness; parents draw our attention toward God Almighty, too; They are a manifestation of the laws of nature that draw us towards the laws of the Shariah; they are a testament to the One Who created us... Thus, God commanded us to treat our parents with kindness after commanding us to believe in His Unity. Humans cannot return the favours of Allah the Almighty. For this reason, whilst mentioning God Almighty in this verse, we are told that we cannot return His favour. However, we can return the favour of our parents. Thus, we are clearly commanded to do so."

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) further states:

“The word اف is a word for reproach, which means to express aversion; in other words, to say that you dislike something. The word نہر refers to practically show your dislike toward something. Thus, you must not express, nor practically demonstrate anything hurtful toward your parents.

Islam has given special guidance pertaining to serving parents. The Holy Prophet (sa) has said, ‘Whoever was given the opportunity to serve any of his parents and was unable to have his sins forgiven, God will curse him.’ This means that this is such an excellent opportunity to do good, that if he is not able to attain the grace of God thereby, there is no way for him to enter paradise.”[1]

# FAMILY AND CLOSE RELATIVES

After our parents, those most deserving of our kindness and service are our other family members and close relatives. This includes our wives, children, siblings and extended family. In respect to our wives and children, Allah the Almighty says:

وَمِنْ اٰيٰتِهٖۤ اَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ اَنْفُسِكُمْ اَزْوَاجًا لِّتَسْكُنُوْۤا اِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ
بَيْنَكُمْ مَّوَدَّةً وَّرَحْمَةً ؕ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَاٰيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَّتَفَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿۲۲﴾

“And one of His Signs is this, that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect.” (30:22)

In this verse, Allah the Almighty has taught us that as a result of showing our wives love and affection, we will find comfort in them. In Islam, being good toward your wives is given great importance. In fact, one of the last matters about which the Holy Prophet (sa) advised his people before his demise was that the men should be good to their women.

He emphasized this point. Furthermore, according to chapter 2, verse 234 of the Holy Qur'an, men are also responsible for providing for their wives; they must feed, clothe and provide them with a roof over their heads. These are all rights that Allah the Almighty will hold us accountable to. With regards to our children, we have all heard of this prayer in Surah Al-Furqan:

"Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of our eyes, and make us a model for the righteous." (25:75)

Tafsir-e-Kabir, Vol. 6, pp. 325-326

In the commentary of this verse, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) writes:

"If the Muslims – during their time of rule – maintained the high moral standard that is mentioned in this chapter; if they prayed day and night to Allah the Almighty to be granted a progeny that becomes the delight of their eyes; if they did not neglect the pious upbringing of their children; then those pitiful kings who dedicated their kingship to luxury and vanity would not have come about from the Ummah of Muhammad (sa)... This downfall of the Muslims occurred because they continued to forget the responsibilities of the Servants of the Gracious God... If the future Muslims learn for this and pay heed to giving their children a pious upbringing; if they pray to God Almighty that their children are firmly established on goodness, not just during their lives but even after their death; if they pray that they are a source of delight for their eyes; then Muslims can still yet recover their long lost wealth."

Thus, as fathers, we have a tremendous role to play in the pious upbringing of our children. This is a great right we owe to them which Allah the Almighty will hold us accountable for.

Thereafter, we have rights that we owe to our siblings and other close relatives. In chapter 4, verse 37, of the Holy Qur'an, Allah the Almighty states:

"And show kindness to parents, and to kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger, and the companion by your side, and the wayfarer, and those whom your right hands possess."

# THE POOR AND NEEDY

On countless occasions, Allah the Almighty has instructed us to help the poor and helpless. The word used for such people is مَسٰكِيْن. You can find this word throughout the Holy Qur'an. In Chapter 2, verse 178, Allah the Almighty has mentioned the poor after commanding us to serve and help our parents and close relatives. In the commentary of this verse, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) writes:

"Thirdly, Allah has mentioned the helpless and those in need – who do not have enough money to fulfill their needs. In particular, they are those who do not beg others. Despite being poor, they possess lofty morals; they preserve their dignity and cannot stand to be humiliated by begging others." [2]

Tafsir-e-Kabir, Vol. 3, p. 138

Thus, we should be on the lookout for not only those who seek our help, but also those who – whilst preserving their dignity – refrain from extending an asking hand.

# THE TRAVELER

Allah the Almighty has also commanded us to serve travelers and fulfill their needs. In the commentary of the same verse, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states: "Fourthly, Allah has mentioned the traveler. Here, Allah the Almighty has not stipulated that the traveler must be poor. From this, we can gather that we must help poor travelers, but if we are presented with an opportunity to help a traveler who is well-off, we must help them, too. It may be that although such a person is affluent, he may have lost his wealth on his journey.[3]

# THE ORPHANS

Unlike any other faith, Islam greatly emphasises caring for orphans. In fact, all the verses mentioned thus far have also mentioned orphans. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah the Almighty commands us to raise orphans, to safeguard any wealth that their parents may have left for them, and to return that wealth to them once they have grown older. The Holy Prophet (sa) has also said, "The one who gives a life to an orphan will be as close to me in paradise as these two fingers," and then he raised in index and middle finger, signifying that they would be very close. Just this saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) is enough to demonstrate the importance of caring for orphans.

This was just a glimpse into the rights we owe to mankind. There are our neighbours, our fellow brothers and sisters in our greater circles in society, there are animals and the living organisms in the various ecosystems around the world. Islam imparts teachings to care for all of these. And the blessings attached to fulfilling these rights are unfathomable.

The verse cited in the beginning of the message sheds light on the fact that by fulfilling these rights, we will attain true righteousness, we will attain true goodness. If we pray our whole lives but neglect humanity, our prayers and worship, our sacrifices will mean amount to nothing in the sight of God.

Thus, this year, let us focus on truly fulfilling the rights of mankind in order to attain the love of Allah the Almighty. I pray that Allah enables us to become servants of humanity and to become those who fulfill the rights of all the people in our lives. Ameen.

1- Tafsir-e-Kabir, Vol. 6, pp. 325-326

2 - Tafsir-e-Kabir, Vol. 3, p. 138

3 - ibid

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# PRAYER

## THE FIRST QUESTION ASKED

"The first thing for which a person will be brought to account on the Day of Judgement will be his Salat."

(Sunan al-Nasai, Kitab al-Salat, Hadith 466)

Despite encountering this saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) numerous times during my upbringing as an Ahmadi Muslim boy, it gained deeper meaning for me when I read it alongside this verse of the Holy Qur'an:

وَ مَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَ الْاِنْسَ اِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوْنِ

"I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship me."

(Adh-Dhariyat:57)

As we embark on a specific errand, the foremost inquiry upon our return is whether we accomplished it; otherwise, the trip is considered futile! Even viewing this from an intelligent student's perspective, one would diligently invest every possible effort in preparing for the most crucial mandatory question in an exam, as it ultimately decides their success or failure. The Promised Messiah (as) says:

"Prayer is the Right of Allah; fulfil it well...Even if the entire house is destroyed, let it be, but do not discard the prayer."

(Malfuzat, Vol.6, pp.370)

After establishing the paramount importance of readiness for this fundamental question and acknowledging the considerable effort invested over our lifetimes in this pursuit, one begins to contemplate whether the mere physical actions of Salat genuinely fulfill this Quranic injunction. The Promised Messiah (as) describes the spiritual condition of Muslims that prevails in this age:

"their prayers are but a ritual and their fasting mere starvation"
(Lecture Sialkot, pp. 30)

A noteworthy 'discovery' I made while growing up, delving into Tafsir-e-Kabir (the commentary of the Holy Qur'an by Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra), was that the Holy Qur'an doesn't merely demand believers to offer Salat; rather, it emphasizes "iqamah-tus-salat" (اَقِيْمُوا الصَّلٰوةَ), a rich and comprehensive term with profound meanings.

# SIX MEANINGS OF IQAMATUS SALAT (THE OBSERVANCE OF PRAYER):

## 1 - REGULAR OBSERVANCE OF PRAYER

A prayer wherein there is an intermittence is not considered true prayer in Islam, because prayer is not of temporary deeds.

## 2 - FULFILMENT OF ALL REQUIREMENTS

For example, performing Wudu' (ablution), offering at the appointed time, perform the actions of Qiyam, Ruku', Sajdah and Qa'dah correctly. Until the fulfilment of the conditions is possible, to disregard them is sin. However, when it is impossible to fulfil the conditions, to abandon prayer due to their unavailability is a sin.

## 3 - TO ERECT A FALLING PRAYER

Those worshippers, whose thoughts remain dispersed, if they continue to try and beautify their prayers and remain attentive, they will be striving to erect their prayer whenever it is falling.

## 4 - TO ENCOURAGE & MOTIVATE OTHERS FOR PRAYER

One manner in which to erect something is to make it common and to encourage others to it. In addition to praying themselves, they keep instructing others to pray as well, and make those who are negligent prompt and vigilant.

## 5 - PRAYER IN CONGREGATION

Wherever the Holy Qur'an has enjoined prayer, it has instructed for prayer to be offered in congregation. Nowhere is it ordered that one simply offers prayers alone. As such, an individual who abandons prayer in congregation, except in the case that he is ill, out of town, or other Muslims are not present, even if he offers his prayer at home, it shall not be accepted, and he shall be considered as one who abandons the prayer.

## 6 - To offer Prayer with Complete Attention, Togetherness, and Vigilance

The prayer be offered in an attentive manner and with vigilance, because thoughts are dispersed as a result of laziness and negligence, and the essence of prayer is lost. (Tafsir Kabir, Vol.1, pp. 104)

Our beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper!), consistently underscores supplication, worship, and particularly Iqamatus Salat, emphasizing the importance of studying and emulating the exemplary life of our Beloved Master, the Holy Prophet (sa). On one such occasion, he remarked:

"Now let us see the actual examples of Iqamatus Salat in the real world. The personality, which the Creator of the universe, Allah, has presented as a perfect model is that of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) fulfilled the right of Iqamatus Salat so beautifully that Allah testified that his prayers, his worship, his living and dying, were all for His sake, the Lord of all the worlds, The Holy Prophet(sa) has stated: "O People! I like three things from this world, but I tell you that Qurratu 'aini fis-salat that the delight and pleasure of my eyes is in the observance of prayer"(Bukhari). The Promised Messiah (as) describes in one of his couplets:

**All edicts that came from God, he acted upon them all; He told us all the secrets – he is the gift of the Giver**

(Ruhani Khaza'in Vol. 20, p. 456)

From the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (sa) we learn that:

- He used to stand in the prayer till both his feet or legs swelled and upon asking why he offered such an unbearable prayer, he replied, 'Should I not be a thankful servant?'

- In a state of travel, he would stop the travelling caravan and shorten or combine the prayers.

- In the case of rain, he would also offer his prayers upon his ride, undeterred by excuses.

- When impossible to offer his prayers while standing when he was severely wounded after falling off a horse, he did not like that he should miss the congregational prayer, and led the prayer while sitting.

- In the Battle of Uhud, he was weakened by severe wounds and was also grieved by the martyrdom of seventy of his Companions, yet he offered his prayers in congregation even on that day

- During his final illness, he was suffering from a severe temperature, and was drifting in and out of a state of consciousness. In anxiety, he would ask again and again, "Is it time for prayer?

- He placed both hands on two Companions and went to the mosque in such a state that his feet were being dragged behind him. The Holy Prophet(sa) led the prayers sitting beside Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and thus set such an example of Iqamatus Salat that it shall remainun paralleled until the end of time.

The advent of the Promised Messiah(as) in this age is a proof that Prophet (sa) is forever alive and as a continuation of his spiritual blessings, God has sent into the world the Promised Messiah(as). Examining the life of the Promised Messiah(as), we find instances where:

- In the days of his youth, he was referred to as a Masitar, i.e., one whose time is primarily spent in the mosque engaged in worship.
- During the law-suits that he faced, the Promised Messiah(as) never missed a prayer. He would seek permission from the court and offer his prayers on time.
- He would offer his prayers with great preoccupation and interest. He would repeat the words Ihdinas-siratal mustaqim (Guide us in the straight path) very often.
- He would repeat the words Ya hayyu ya qayyumu birahmatika astaghith (O Living and Self Sustaining Allah, I beseech Thy Mercy).
- The final action of this blessed individual was prayer.

The Promised Messiah (as) not only prescribed supplication in order to acquire pleasure and attention in prayer and presented his personal example, but has also taught us the specified words which are to be prayed:

"One should supplicate before Allah the Exalted in extreme emotion and passion, saying that just as You have endowed us with the various pleasures of fruits and other things, let me once taste the pleasure of prayer and worship as well."

(Malfuzat, Vol.1, pp.163)

The Promised Messiah (as) gives us this glad tiding:

**"Rejoice and be happy that the field of achieving nearness to God is vacant. Every nation is in love with the world and to what pleases God the world pays no attention. Now is the time for those who wish to enter this door that they, mustering all their strength, show their mettle and win the much coveted prize from God."**

. (The Will – p.11)

As Ahmadi Youth, we are the recipients of these glad tidings, in a world indifferent to its Creator's pleasure and the purpose of their creation. Now is our time to enter this vacant door, demonstrating our strength to earn those promised rewards from God. May Allah enable us to do so! Ameen!

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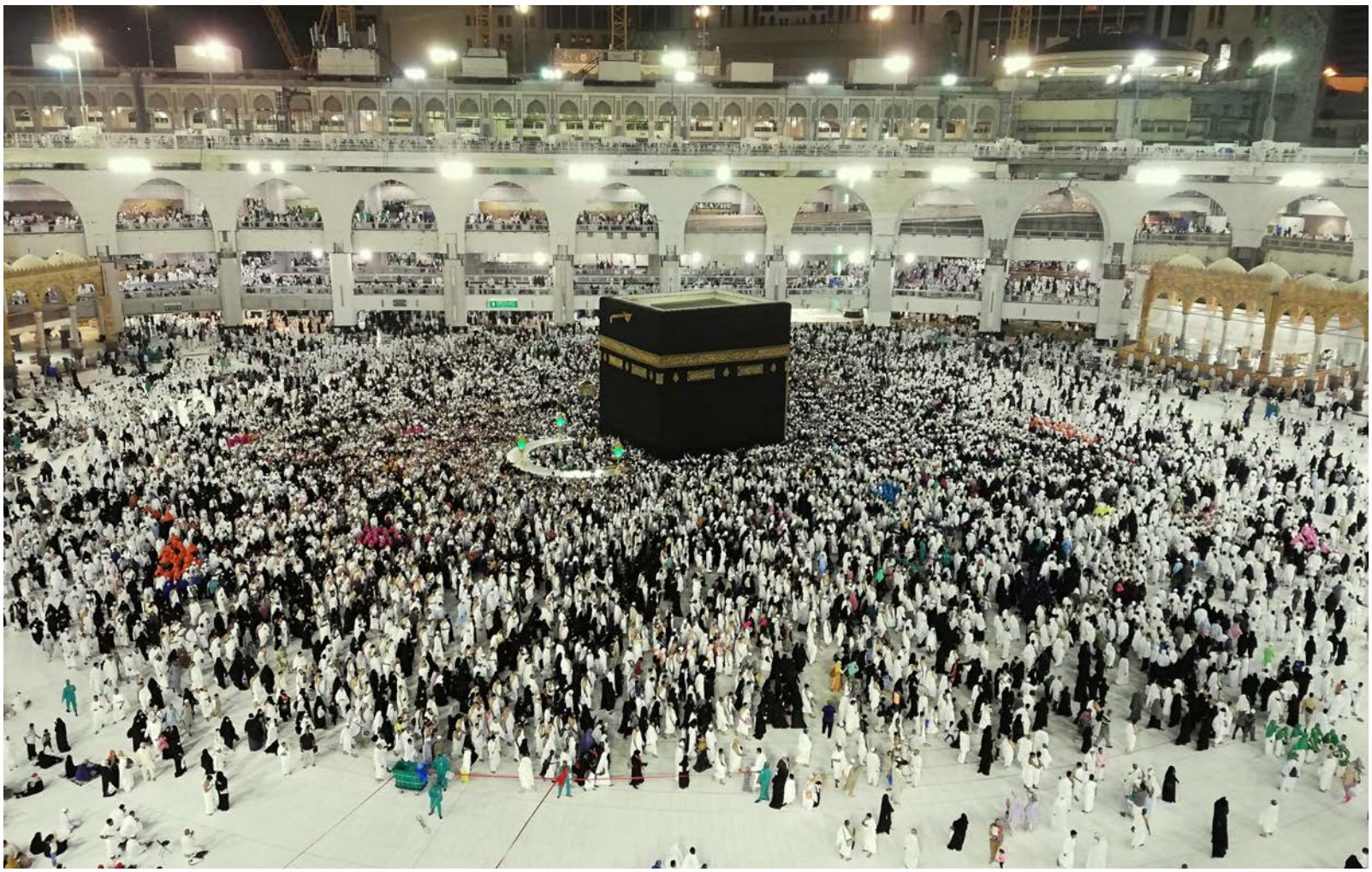
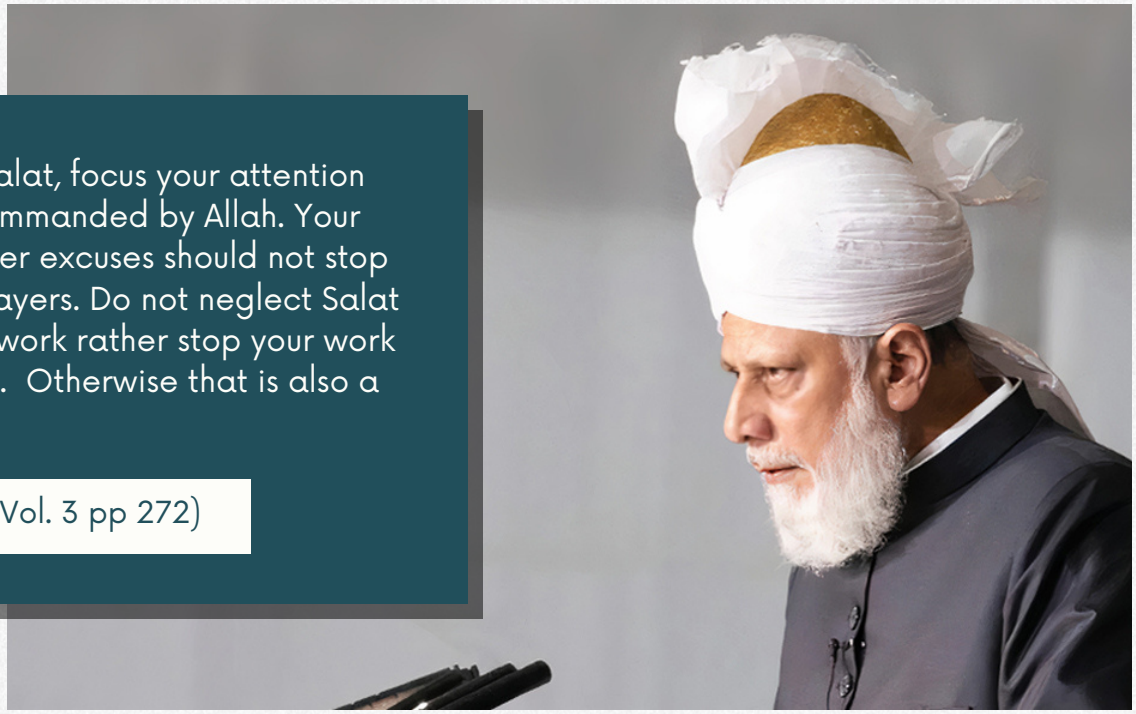


# SALAT AND WORK



> When it is time for Salat, focus your attention fully on Prayer as commanded by Allah. Your engagements or other excuses should not stop you from offering Prayers. Do not neglect Salat for the sake of your work rather stop your work for the sake of Salat. Otherwise that is also a kind of hidden Shirk.

(Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 3 pp 272)

# ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

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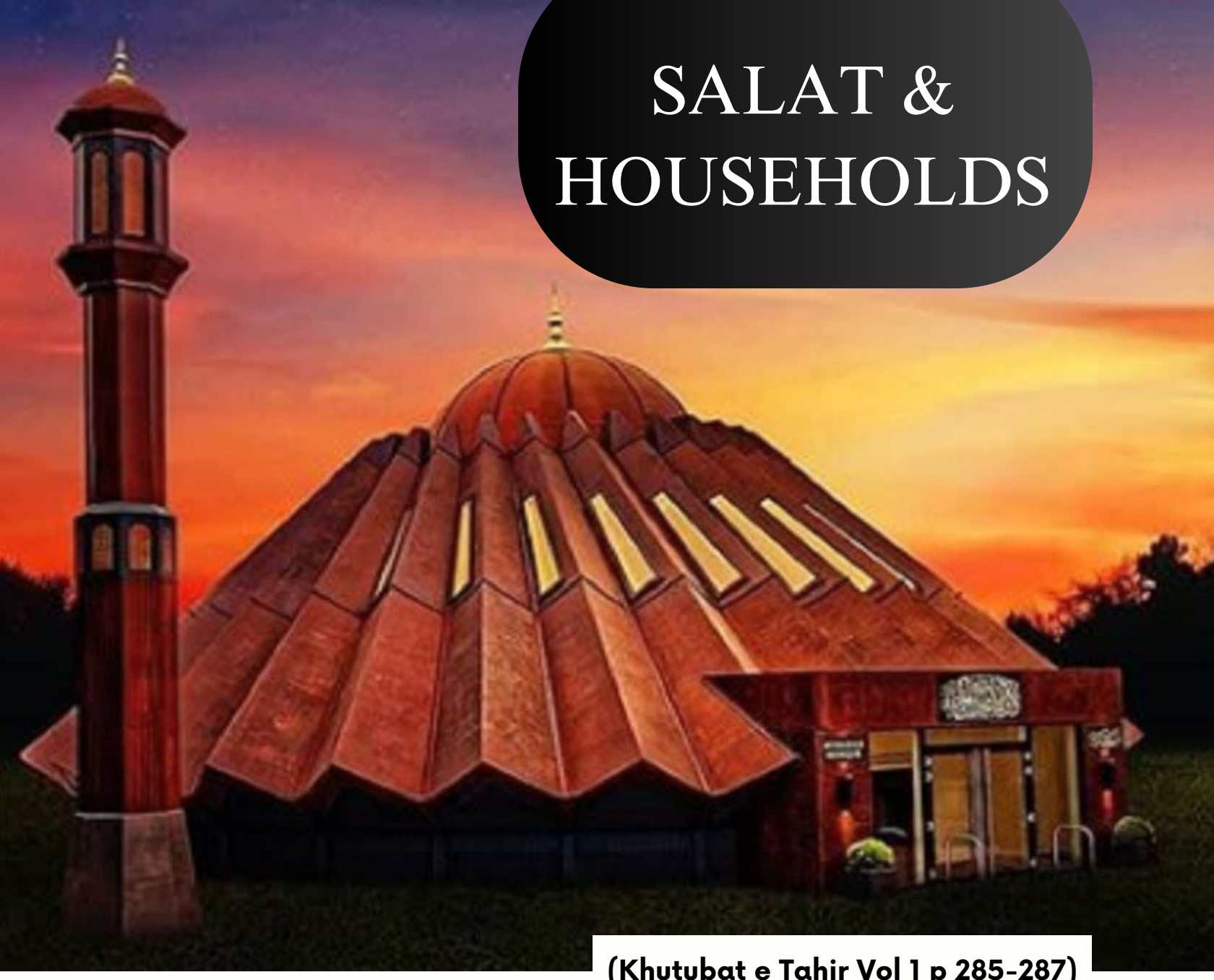
The profound practice of prayer, or du'a, holds a central place in Islam. Prayer is not just a religious obligation but a deeply personal and transformative experience, woven into the fabric of our faith. In the Holy Qur'an, we find reassurance in the words of Allah regarding prayer. The closeness of the Divine is beautifully expressed in Surah Al-Baqarah (2:187), affirming, "And when My servants ask you concerning Me, indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me..." These verses instill in our hearts the belief that Allah is intimately connected with His servants, and genuine prayers are met with a compassionate response. In several verses, the Quran emphasizes the significance of supplication and the assurance that sincere prayers are heard by Allah. Another verse, from Surah Ghafir (40:61), reinforces the idea that Allah is ever attentive to the prayers of His servants: "And your Lord says, 'Call upon Me; I will respond to you.'" The recorded sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammed (sa), provides valuable insights into the importance of supplication.

One well-known hadith narrated by Abu Huraira (ra) states, "The supplication of every one of you will be granted if he does not get impatient and says, 'I supplicated my Lord but my prayer has not been granted.'" This hadith encourages patience in waiting for the response to one's prayers, emphasizing that Allah, in His wisdom, responds in the best manner and timing. Sincere supplication is never in vain, and the response may come in ways beyond human comprehension. From the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) we find unique insights into the significance of prayer. The Promised Messiah (as) emphasized the transformative aspect of supplication, stating, "The true purpose of prayer is that man should develop a relationship with his Creator and, through this relationship, he should try to become one with God." For us, prayer isn't just a ritual but a means to forge a profound connection with Allah and to spiritually evolve.

This perspective encourages believers to approach prayer with patience and an unwavering trust in Allah's wisdom, knowing that their supplications are answered in the most fitting manner. Beyond seeking worldly needs, Islam views prayer as a profound tool for spiritual growth. We must approach prayer with sincerity and a genuine desire for closeness to Allah. In the words of the Promised Messiah (as), "The prayer that is efficacious is one in which there is sincerity, purity, and humility." The acceptance of prayers is not just a theological concept but a lived experience, woven into the very fabric of our daily lives. In the intimate act of supplication, we find solace, strength, and a profound connection with the Divine.



# SALAT & HOUSEHOLDS

**(Khutubat e Tahir Vol 1 p 285-287)**

I admonish all households that they try with utmost courage and effort to create members who offer Salat regularly. […] The grace of those households wherein prayers are offered regularly will reach the corners of the world. Visitors from far away who stay with them will see a good model to follow. … Decorate your houses in this way that they are filled with worship and remembrance of Allah.

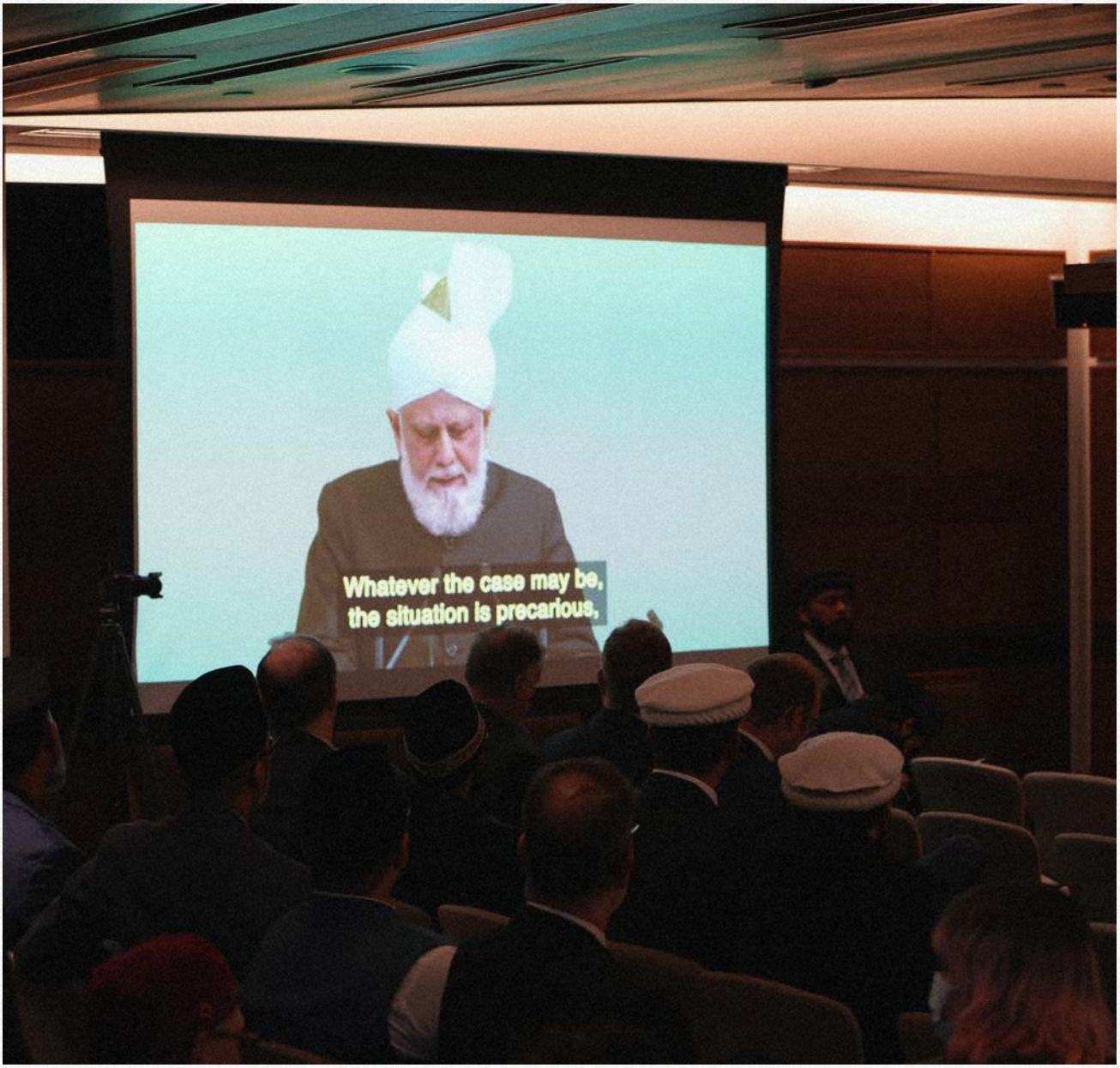
# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VOICES FOR PEACE EVENT HELD AT PARTLIMENT HILL

In light of the current state of affairs in the Middle East beloved Huzoor (aba) launched a global campaign titled “Voices For Peace”. A campaign aimed at establishing a ceasefire and to become the voice of the innocent victims of an oppressive regime.

On December 4th 2023, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada held an event in Parliament hill Ottawa. The event was attended by Members of Parliament, the Palestinian Ambassador and members of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Several news outlets also attended to record and report on the program. Internally, the program was covered by MKAC studios.

The highlights of the session included video clips of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (aba). These clips were taken from his recent Friday sermons and other clips aimed at tackling conflicts and establishing world peace.


Whatever the case may be,
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Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada, Tahir Ahmad Sahib spoke about Huzoor (aba) being the Global Ambassador of Peace. In addition, there were several presentations conducted by Murabbian. Murabbi Musleh Shanboor Sahib gave an emotional presentation on the current state of Gaza. Murabbi Farhan Iqbal Sahib presented on Islam and Human Rights.

Murabbi Naveed Mangla Sahib spoke on the contribution of Hazart Musleh Mau'ud (ra) and Chaudhry Sir Zafrullah Khan Sahibs work for the Palestinian Cause. The event was moderated by Salman Mangla, Naib Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada. Mona Abu Amara, the Chief Representative of the Palestinian General Delegation to Canada, delivered an important address appealing to politicians and decision makers to help the alarming situation in Palestine.

In total the event was covered by 35 TV outlets, including CBC and Global News among others. 66 newspapers/online media also reported on the event. Notable media include Toronto Star, CTV News National, CP24 and more. Estimated reach to Canadians was approximately 7.5 milllion. In addition through MKAC Studios over 1000's of views on YouTube were accumulated. This event was also covered by MTA News.

This event was held as the 1st such event to spearhead the global campaign in Canada. Similar programs are scheduled for January in various other cities around the country, Insha'Allah.

# NAU MUBA'IN GATHERING

On December 3rd, 2023, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada hosted a significant gathering for Nau Muba'in (New Ahmadis) from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) at the "Al-Khidmat office," its National Headquarters. The event began with a warm welcome from members of the National Majlis Amila, who greeted the guests and presented them with thoughtful welcome gifts.

Respected Sadr Majlis welcomed the Nau Muba'in into his office, where introductions were made, and some meaningful insights were shared.

An anecdote about Hadhrat Khalid Bin Waleed (ra) was recounted, emphasizing that new converts have the potential to achieve the highest standards in the eyes of Allah, regardless of their background. It highlighted the inclusive nature of the community.

Afterwards, the Nau Muba'in gathered at Baitul Islam to perform the Zuhr and Asr prayers and then returned to the Al Khidmat office for lunch. Following lunch, there was a Q&A session with the National Secretary Tarbiyat Nau Muba'in, Mr. Adam Alexander, during which the Nau Muba'in shared their acceptance stories, contributing to an informative discussion that lasted about an hour.

The Nau Muba'in also had the opportunity to explore the National Markaz at Aiwan e Tahir, where they were introduced to various offices and departments. National Amir took time out of his busy schedule to meet with the Nau Muba'in personally and extend his welcome. Additionally, the Nau Mubain visited a Tabligh exhibition at Tahir Hall, where they showed interest in the availability of the Holy Quran in different languages.

# MAL SEMINAR

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada held a Mal Seminar on December 16th in Aiwan Tahir. Respected Sadr Sahib Majlis Khuddam Ahmadiyya Canada presided over the session. The attendance was 180 members in person and 80 members joined over zoom session. The session started after Maghrib prayers which included various presentations on income and expense perspective.

THE HOLY QUR'AN 2:149
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The main topics covered were:

1. Relationship of Financial Sacrifice and Self Reformation
2. Budgeting for Events and Overall Chanda Spending

The Following Scenario based training sessions were also held:

1. How to conduct a Visit for Mal
2. How to Create a Budget and Effectively Spend It
3. Mal Resources such as Mal List, Tracking Chanda Status

The main objective to conduct this seminar was to raise awareness on chanda collection as well as its expenditures.

Qaideen and Nazimeen Mal had a chance to ask detailed questions regarding Chanda collection and expenses to a panel which included respected Sadr Sahib and Muthamim Sahib Mal. The session ended with a silent prayer and dinner.

# SOHBATE SALIHEEN

By the Grace of Allah the National Majlis Amila and Regional Qaideen had the opportunity to sit in the company of Respected Maulana Feroz Alam Sahib. This Session of Sohbate Saliheen commenced on November 22nd after the Maghrib Prayers. Maulana sahib shared beautiful incidents from his time with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV and Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V. Members were very moved by the emotional stories shared by Maulana sahib as these memories highlighted the time spent with the Khulafa. Feroz Alam sahib also had the chance to answer questions that members asked.

The session concluded with a beautiful recitation of the Quran by Maulana sahib.

# NASIR TOURNAMENT

PLAY TOGETHER. PRAY TOGETHER.

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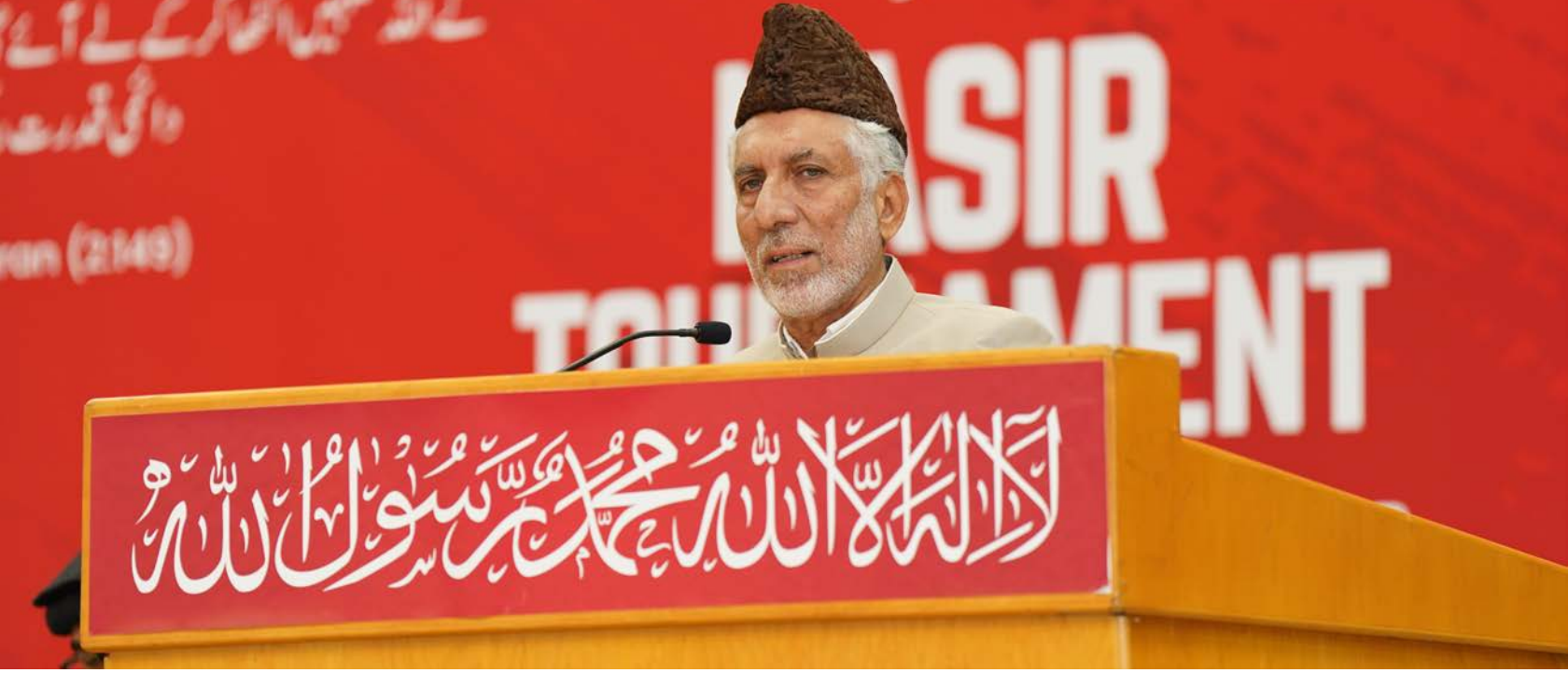
**And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allah will bring you all together. Surely, Allah has the power to do all that he wills.**

**(2:149)**

The Nasir Tournament, organized by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada was held from December 30, 2023, to January 1, 2024 at Aiwan Tahir. This historic sporting event was held after a break of six years. There was a lot of excitement and anticipation leading up the tournament.

Nasir Tournament included multiple sports featuring volleyball, basketball, and a 3-point competition. Each sport had 16 participating teams, bringing together over 300 Khuddam. Participants hailed from various regions, including Khuddam from the USA, with Huzoor's permission, GTA, Western Ontario, Eastern Ontario, and Eastern Canada. Notably, Huzoor granted permission for a team from Belize to join; however, visa issues unfortunately prevented their participation.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The talent in the tournament proved to be exceptional. There were many exciting moments and close calls! One basketball match ended in a half court buzzer beater. The finals for both basketball and volleyball were very competitive. After all the dust was settled Muqami came out on top as champions in both sports!

The highlight of the tournament was on Sunday when attendees had the special honor of a Sohbate Saliheen session with Respected Abdul Sami Khan Sahib. Maulana Sahib shared many special moments and memories of Khulafa that touched the audience and had a profound impact on those present.

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For the first time in Nasir Tournament history, all games were live-streamed with commentary, reaching an impressive viewership of over 12,000. This innovative approach allowed a broader audience to witness the exciting competitions and added an extra layer of engagement to the event, amplifying its impact and reach beyond the physical venue.

The tournament ended with prize distribution and closing session presided by Respected Amir Sahib Canada.

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# BRING A FRIEND TO THE MOSQUE

FOOD. FRIENDS. FAITH.

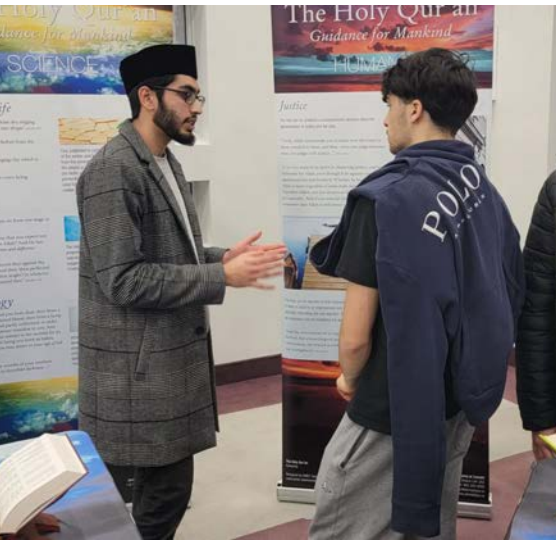
SAT & SUN
**16-17**
DECEMBER

**IN EVERY MOSQUE ACROSS CANADA**

MOSQUEVISIT.CA

The Bring a Friend to the Mosque campaign was launched by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada in the month of December. The purpose of this campaign was to encourage Khuddam to bring their friends to the mosque.

This was done in a unique and creative way, with a simple, elegant flyer, that would be attractive to non-Muslim audiences. Khuddam all across Canada were motivated and connected with their Tabligh contacts encouraging them to attend these programs.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By the grace of Allah, 10 events were held across Canada with dozens of guests attending different events. Alhamdulilah the media coverage and response received for this campaign was ground-breaking and historic. This became a national story across Canada. The final media report numbers are below:

## 162

Total News Coverages Across Canada
*(Including 14 stories in French)*

## 23

TV Coverages

## 42

Radio Coverages

## 97

Newspaper/Online Coverages

## +12.5 Million

Overall Estimated Reach

Some prominent news outlets include: CTV National, CP24, Toronto Star, Yahoo News, National Post, CBC News Toronto and many others. One family of 8 Muslims in London, ON, attended the Bring a Friend to the Mosque campaign program, and accepted Islam Ahmadiyyat. Alhamdulilah! This family did bai'at on January 4, 2024. May Allah enable them to remain steadfast on the path of truthfulness and righteousness. Ameen!

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# DEPARTMENT

## OF KHIDMAT KHALQ

# BLOOD DRIVES

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada is holding blood camps all across Canada. This is a vital service that helps those in need of blood get timely help in an emergency. Khuddam across Canada have come forth in numbers to fulfill their pledge to serve humanity. Regional participation is below:

## MUQAMI
89
UNITS DONATED

## NORTHERN ONTARIO
19
UNITS DONATED

## MISSISSAUGA
25
UNITS DONATED

## HALTON NIAGARA
26
UNITS DONATED

## GTA EAST
39
UNITS DONATED

## WESTERN BRAMPTON
2
UNITS DONATED

## EASTERN BRAMPTON
11
UNITS DONATED

## PRAIRIES
25
UNITS DONATED

## WESTERN ONTARIO
16
UNITS DONATED

## GTA CENTRE
48
UNITS DONATED

## SIMCOE
14
UNITS DONATED

To date the department has collected 314 units of blood.

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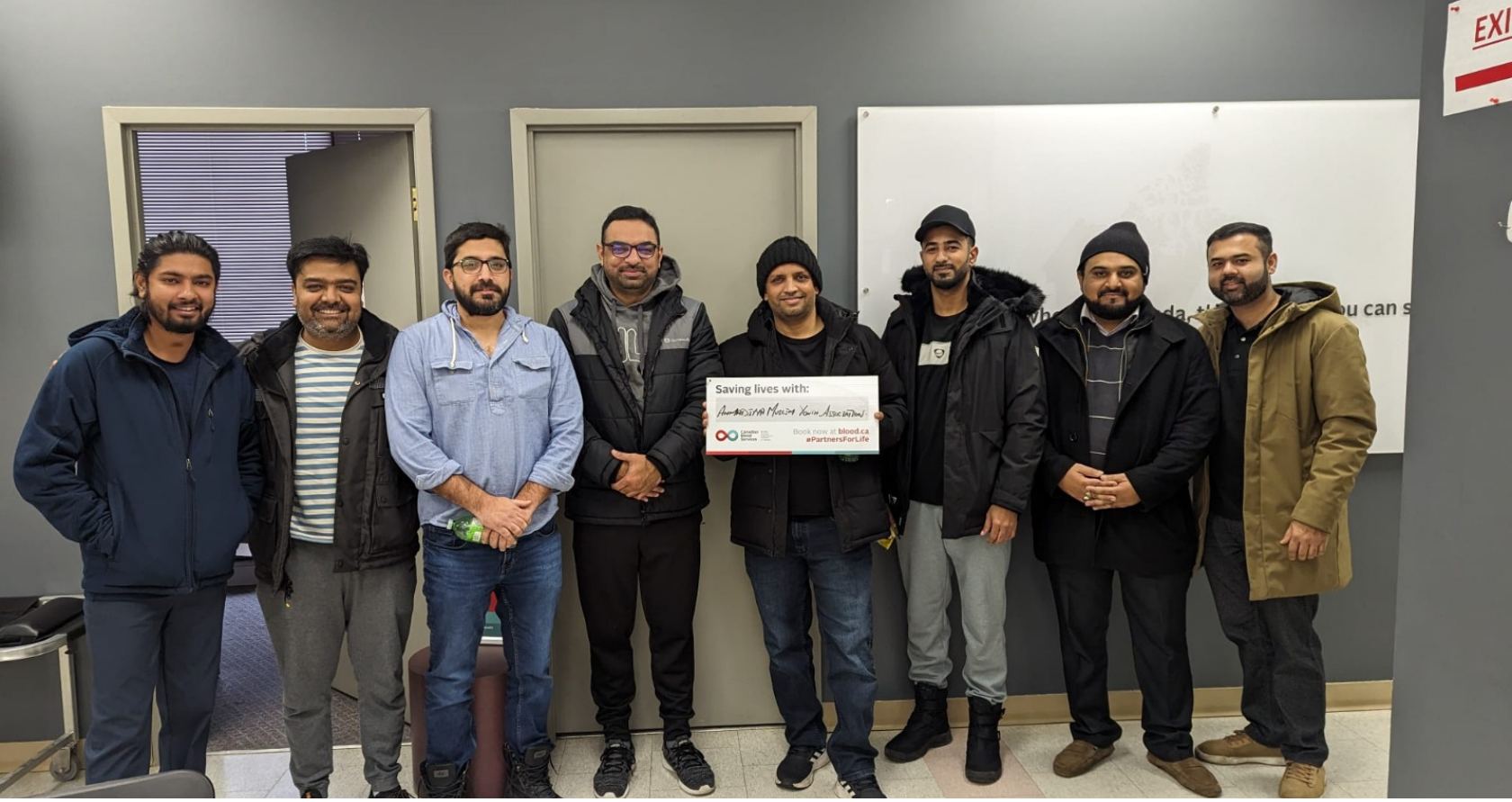
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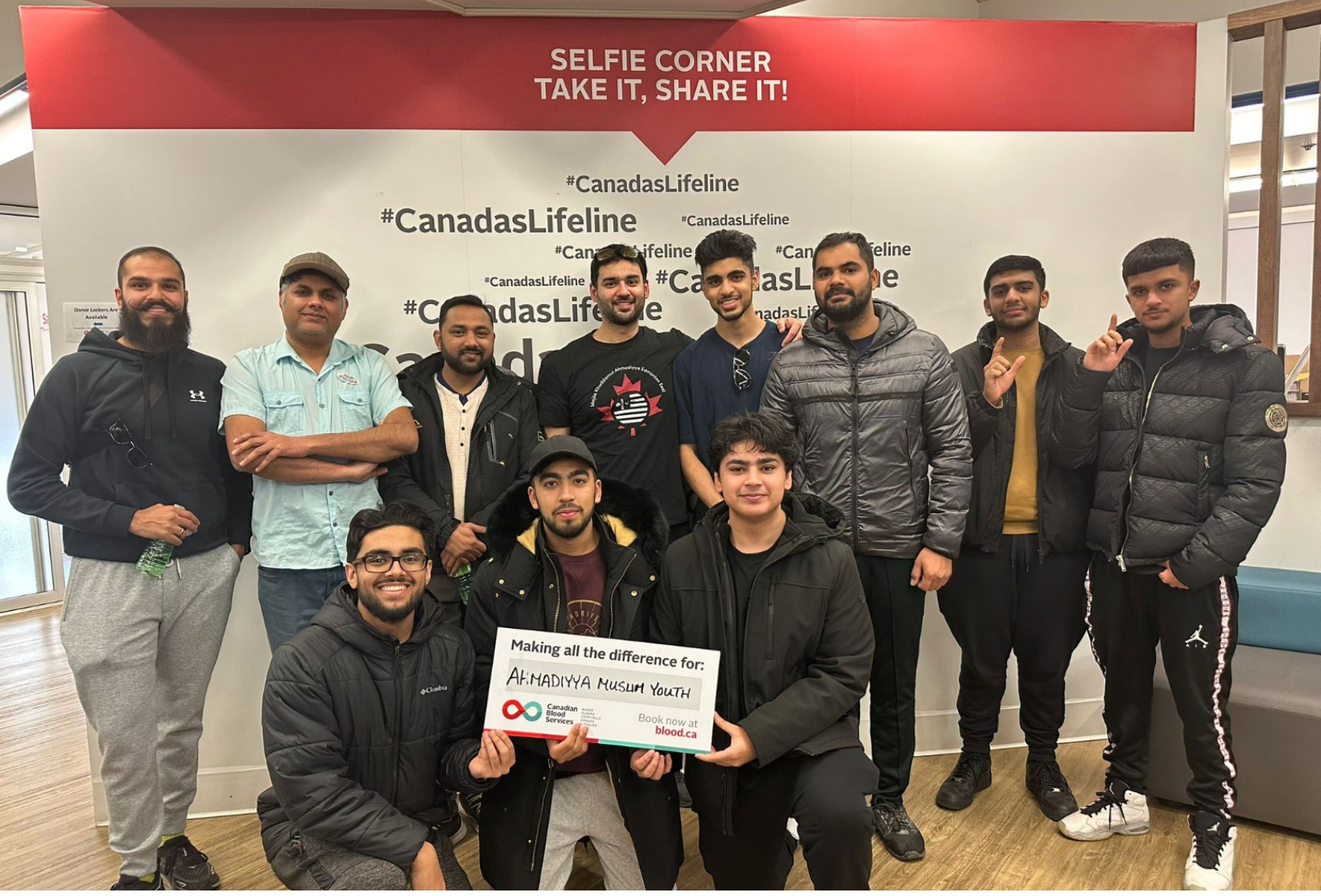
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# HOLIDAY DINNER ON WHEELS

Another initiative organized to help humanity is the meals on wheels campaign. Khuddam worked hard to prepare meals and box them and then arrange their delivery to those who don't have enough food.

By the Grace of Allah 500 khuddam participated and over 2377 people received these meals. This is an ongoing initiative which will continue throughout the year.

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# FAJR 40

## TAKE. THE. CHALLENGE.

"THE DELIGHT OF MY EYES IS IN PRAYER"

## COME TO PRAYER.
## COME TO PROSPERTIY.

## DEC 1ST - JAN 10TH

By the Grace of Allah the Fajr 40 Campaign was launched on December 1st 2023. The purpose of this campaign was to inculcate the blessed habit of congregational prayers in mosques and local namaz centers across Canada.

By the special Mercy of Allah a spiritual reformation has been sparked in the hearts of many Khuddam through this campaign. Khuddam are actively waking up 30 minutes before the prayer and calling friends and other members of their local Majalis. Many Khuddam are even traveling 30+ minutes in order to join their fellow brothers in prayers. Local Majalisis are creating ride plans and are consistently motivating others to join this blessed plan.

Khuddam have shared life changing experiences and are showing resilience and consistency in their efforts to establish this blessed habit. An overall atmosphere of unity and brotherhood is visible among Khuddam.

On average 600+ Khuddam are attending on weekdays and over 1400 on weekends. May Allah continue to shower his blessings on Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada and make this campaign a source of self-reformation and steadfastness.

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London, Ontario

WELCOME
SADR SAHIB MKAC
MEET WITH
KHUDDAM

# WAQF ARDHI

By the Grace of Allah the Almighty, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada had the opportunity to participate in the Waqf 'Ardhi Jalsa Salana Jamaica 2023. Shortly after opening registration, six Khuddam expressed keen interest in joining this blessed event. On November 23, 2023, a group of six Khuddam from Canada traveled to Jamaica for a week-long Waqf 'Ardhi service. Their responsibilities included breakfast preparation, food service, security, and assisting with the setup and teardown of the Jalsa Salana. They also actively took part in the Jalsa Program. During Jalsa Salana Jamaica, Tahhajud prayers were held, benefiting our Khuddam spiritually. Throughout the trip, the Khuddam prayed together and engaged in the recitation of the Holy Quran.

# WAQF ARDHI

With the blessings of Allah the Almighty, Waqf ‘Ardhi Jamaica was a great success! The department of Tahrik Jadid is currently working on the upcoming Waqf ‘Ardhi’s in 2024. Ranging from Waqf ‘Ardhi Colombia, Jalsa Salana Honduras, Jalsa Salana Belize, Jalsa Salana Canada, Jalsa Salana UK and many more!

# REFRESHER COURSES

By the Grace of Allah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya organized refresher courses across Canada to start off the new year. The purpose of the refresher courses is to give an overview of departmental responsibilities to newly elected office bearers. It also allows office bearers from each level to meet their respective counterparts and share the plan for the year.

Refresher courses were held on a Illaqa level. A refresher course package was shared which included a departmental breakdown and overall guidance for Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada. By the Grace of Allah 1269 Amila members attended these sessions across Canada.

| DATE | ILAQA | REGIONS | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| November 4th, 2023 | Northern Ontario | Simcoe, Northern Ontario, Muqami and GTA East. | Jamia Ahmadiyya Property, Innisfil |
| November 5th, 2023 | Western Ontario | Mississauga, Halton Niagra, Western Ontario | Hamilton Mosque |
| November 5th, 2023 | Central Ontario | GTA Centre, Eastern Brampton, Western Brampton | Mubarak Mosque, Brampton West |
| November 11th, 2023 | Western Canada | Prairie | Bait ur Rehmat, Saskatoon |
| November 18th, 2023 | Western Canada | Eastern Calgary, Western Calgary | Bait un Noor, Calgary |
| November 19th, 2023 | Western Canada | British Columbia | Baitur Rehman mosque, Vancouver |
| November 25th, 2023 | Northern Ontario | Eastern Onatrio | Baitun Naseer, Ottawa |
| November 26th, 2023 | Northern Ontario | Eastern Canada | Al Nusrat mosque, Montreal |

Keynote Address